

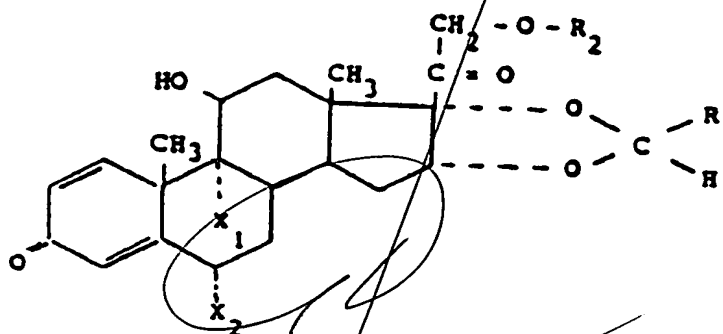


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ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to compounds of the formula



in the form of an R epimer, an S epimer, or a stereoisomeric mixture of the R and S epimers in terms of the orientation of the substituents on the carbon atom at position 22, novel intermediates and a method of their preparation by hydrolysis-ketalization, and use of such compounds as drugs and/or therapeutic agents.